mes in different formats and a reduction in the number of films telecast on this channel.

Ranganadi Hydel Electricity Project

946. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ranganadi Hydel Electricity Project in Arunachal Pradesh is to be commissioned in 1997-98;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of free power likely to be available for the State and what shall be the State's share of the power generated from the project; and

(c) what action has been taken for transmission and distribution of power from the project to selected areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The project is stated by commissioning in 1997-98.

(b) In terms of present policy, the home State is entitled to 12% free power. Accordingly, the quantum of free power available for Arunachal Pradesh would be 48.6 MW. However, shares of the States from the project are decided at the time of commissioning of the project in terms of the power consumption and plan assistance during the preceeding Five Years, both being given equal weightage.

(c) The power from the project will be made available to the State at Nirjuli (Itanagar) which shall be distributed within the State by the State Governmen as it deems fit.

Power Situation in Gujarat

947. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat State needs investment of Rs. 20,000 crores to avoid power crisis in the State;

(b) if so, what is the total demand of power in the State during 1994;

(c) whether the power crisis in the State was very grave during 1993;

(d) if so, what is the revenue loss suffered by Gujarat Government due to supply of power to the farm sector at subsidised rates during the last three years; and

(e) what steps are being taken to meet the power crisis in Gujarat during 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) After taking into consideration the anticipated installed capacity required and available at the end of the Ninth Plan Govt. of Gujarat have estimated an investment of more than Rs. 20,000 crores to meet the increasing requirement of power.

(b) The anticipated requirement of energy in Gujarat during 1993-94 is 28590 million units. Similarly, the anticipated peak requirement is 5080 MW.

(c) During 1992-93, the State faced an energy shortage of 3% as against All India average of 8.3%.

(d) During the last three years, Govt. of Gujarat has given the following amounts by way of agricultural subsidy to Gujarat Electricity Board on account of supply of power to the farm sector at a subsidised rate.

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Subsidy amount
1990-91	356
1991-92	561.18
1992-93	500 (Approx.)

(e) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Gujarat include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short-gestation projects, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management